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Don't head to the mall without a plan this weekend We've got expert deal-hunting tips, insider info on the best sales and picks for the hottest gifts this year

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Shop with a plan on Black Friday

It's a jungle full of coupon-clipping soccer moms out there Before you go, arm yourself with expert advice

Black Friday is a delicate balancing act between scoring as many great deals as possible and not turning into a crazed shopping Grinch. It's not a day for amateurs, so we hit up Dana Holmes, editor-in-chief of Gifts.com, for some expert tips on saving money and sanity.

Buy thoughtful gifts, not cheap stuff: It's hard to say no to a great sale, but don't just buy cashmere scarves because they're half-off for another hour. "Remember that a great deal isn't always a great gift," says Holmes. "Make sure you have a list of who you're shopping for, a budget for each person and some ideas for each person. I like to put some adjectives next to their names along with some of their favorite stores to stay focused."

Keep your receipts: You will make impulse buys that you regret — it's part of the day. "Keep a zippered pouch in your purse to keep your designated Black Friday receipts," advises Holmes. "You don't want to misplace any — you're buying a lot of stuff, you're excited and when you get home you may realize you don't want all of it."

Bum a ride: "I'm a big advocate for carpooling," says Holmes. "Go with your shopping buddies and you can save a parking space and gas, which is a hot commodity right now." Not to mention, it's nice to have company in the parking-garage traffic — because oh, yes, that is a real thing that happens.

Cross-check for online deals: Some deals, such as doorbusters, are strictly in-store offers. But increasingly, retailers are offering the same sales online with plenty of perks. "If you see something you like, check it out on your phone — sometimes it can actually be just as cheap to buy it online, get it shipped and get it gift-wrapped for free," says Holmes. "Then you don't have to lug it around all day."

Don't fake being an early bird: Ultimately, Black Friday should be a silly, fun way to kick off the holiday season. If waiting in the dark for Best Buy's doors to open isn't your deal, sleep in and skip the door-buster deals. "It's more about the camaraderie — it's for a special kind of person who really enjoys that," says Holmes of the 5 a.m. openings. "Everybody else, just go when you want. There will be lines, parking will be tough, things will run out — you have to enjoy it for it to be worth it."

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Gift-list assist

Before you make your list and check it twice, head on over to Gifts.com and take the gift "personality quiz." It can help you figure out what to buy for your picky fashionista sister before you melt down at the Cinnabon stand.

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No matter what you're looking for on Black Friday, you'll likely end up at Starbucks at some point.
If you happen to purchase their Verismo System — think a Keurig coffee maker specially equipped to brew Starbucks espressos, lattes and coffees — Friday through Monday, they'll issue you a Starbucks Gold Card. Usually only earned after spending a fortune on foamy drinks, it scores you free refills on select beverages and other freebies. Also on our caffeinated wish-list: the new pixelated Rodarte Designer Tumbler, designed by fashion darlings Kate and Laura Mulleavy.

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The pixelated Rodarte Designer Tumbler, $12.95, now at Starbucks

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Tips for surviving the parking lot

Minimize your mall stress with tips from the International Parking Institute:

Think green
"Cruising around for a close parking spot wastes fuel and produces unnecessary carbon emissions that are bad for the environment. Head for a spot further away."

Know the stats
"According to insurance statistics, one-fourth of all vehicle crashes happen while parking. Studies show that backing in to a parking spot makes exiting safer."

Don't be a Grinch
"Show goodwill toward fellow drivers. When waiting for a spot, don't block others looking for parking spaces. Make sure you take up only one spot and that your neighbors can open their doors." METRO

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4 Things not to buy on Black Friday

Not everything is at its lowest price Lindsay Sakraida of Dealnews.com tells us what to skip

Toys
Unless you want to ruin your daughter's life forever, scoop up that McKenna American Girl doll right away. But your average toy? Sakraida says to hold off. "We see quite a few fairly decent toy deals, but things will get cheaper later in December," she explains. "Unless it's a really hot item that you're after, wait for them to get cheaper in the two weeks before Christmas."

Name-brand electronics
TVs, digital cameras and laptops are huge Black Friday draws, but it's not necessarily the time to buy one. The generic brand TV that the big-box store is offering is, likely, a huge bargain, says Sakraida.

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▶ If you're looking for name-brand electronics, hold off until early next year for the best price.

But anything name brand — Sony, Samsung, Canon, etc. — will see its best price in the first couple months of 2013, right before the latest models hit shelves. The exceptions are Apple products, adds Sakraida. They don't usually go on sale, so take advantage of any promotion if you were planning to buy them.

Winter apparel
If you're shopping for yourself, wait. "You'll see a lot of good coupons — but if you're looking for something like a heavy down winter coat, you'll see a better price in January," says Sakraida.

Jewelry and watches
Wait until after the holidays to buy jewelry or watches for yourself, according to Sakraida. Retailers aren't offering their best deals on popular gifts yet.

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Phone it in

Black Friday: There's an app for that

▶ **CNET Scan and Shop:** Not sure about that digital camera that's on sale? Use this app to scan the bar code of electronics, then read editor and user reviews.

▶ **shopkick:** Earn "kick points" just for walking in to popular Black Friday destinations including Macy's, Target, Best Buy and Old Navy. Then, cash them in for rewards including Starbucks drinks, iTunes gift cards and more.

▶ **iStoreHours:** This one's price-less on Black Friday: Download it to find out when your favorite stores open.

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Deal detox

▶ **Need an emergency centering after the mall traffic?** The Pocket Yoga app offers 27 different yoga sessions and includes breath cues.

SnipSnap: Don't want to carry around an envelope of coupons? Use this app to snap pictures of offers, which are converted into mobile coupons that cashiers can scan. Or, browse their database for coupons that other users have uploaded.

▶ **RedLaser:** This top-rated app is like a shopping genie: Scan bar codes at major retailers for on-the-spot price comparisons. Then, buy that TV instantly on Amazon if the price is better, or get the store to match the online offer.

▶ **Black Friday App:** Custom-built for this weekend's deals, this app from Dealnews.com lets you browse the "leaked" ads from major retailers, which you can then share with friends.

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2. If you're bringing a bottle, make it extra special with a bow stopper from the Martha Stewart Collection. **$40, at Macy's stores and at www.macys.com**

3. Pier One Imports' nature-inspired ornaments are a welcome treat for any tree. **$5 (owl) and $6 (star), www.pier1.com**

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2. Stocking-stuffer all-stars: Aveda's Nourish-mint lip-plumping glazes in Nepali Berry and Himalayan Ice. **$18, www.aveda.com**

3. You know what's better than earmuffs? Electric blue earmuffs with built-in headphones. **$98, www.juicycouture.com**

4. Juicy Couture's sequined clutch is the perfect New Year's Eve date. **$248, www.juicycouture.com**

5. If Schwinn's Rendezvous bike isn't her favorite thing under the tree, a Metro staffer will show up to your house and eat said tree. Promise. **$650, www.schwinnbikes.com**

6. Made from hand-blown recycled glass, these teardrop air terrariums house our favorite kind of plants: the ones that don't need to be watered. **$69-$89, www.vivaterra.com**

7. Admittedly, these Ralph Lauren passport covers look best with tickets to the Caribbean tucked inside. **$48, www.ralphlauren.com**

8. Summer doesn't seem so far away through the lens of Dolce & Gabbana's Sicilian Baroque sunglasses. **$425, www.sunglasshut.com**

9. Cat-eyed, leopard-printed, golden serpent-adorned: If you're lucky, you have someone on your list who wants these oversize Roberto Cavalli shades. **$425, www.neimanmarcus.com**

10. Chloe + Isabel's whimsical feather cuff will distract her from any missing diamonds this year. **$78, www.chloeandisabel.com**

11. Justin Bieber's Girlfriend hair mist smells like the cutest boy in school just smiled at you under a double rainbow. Buy one for your No. 1 Biebs fan and one for your purse. **$20, www.sephora.com**

Oddball pick

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2. Mattel's new Pinktastic collection took everything we loved about Barbie and rolled it around in pink glitter. **$20 each, at Kohl's stores and www.kohls.com**

3. The International Spy Museum's gift shop has some seriously cool gear for your budding Bond. On our wish list: The Spy Evidence Kit (with fingerprint powder!) and the invisible ink pen. **$22 (kit) and $10 (pen), www.spymuseumstore.org**

4. Dairy Queen's Blizzard Maker is like an Easy-Bake Oven without all the burning. **$30 at Target, Toys R Us and Walmart stores**

5. DwellStudio's adorable plushes look like they were plucked from the set of a Wes Anderson movie. **$40 each, www.dwellstudio.com**

6. Gak was disgusting when you were a kid. It still is — because goo that makes fart sounds will never go out of style. **$6, www.shop.nick.com**

7. Surefire sign a toy will be a hit with a little girl: It's called My Little Pony Twilight Sparkle Car. **$25, www.hasbrotoyshop.com**

8. Add a dose of unplugged whimsy with Moulin Roty's shadow puppets. **$18-$21, www.mysweetmuffin.com**

9. The Nat Geo WILD Anteater Bug Vac sucks up bugs for little ones to view in a removable belly chamber before safely releasing them. Seriously. Buy us one, please. **$27, www.ngstore.com**

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2. Tivoli Audio's noise-canceling Radio Silenz headphones are your ears' true buds. **$160, www.tivoliaudio.com**

3. Native's Jimmy boots made PETA's Vegan Holiday Guide because, like all of the brands' shoes, they're 100 percent animal product-free. They make ours because they're ruby red. **$90, www.zappos.com**

4. There's nothing nerdy about Club Monaco's cheeky new bow-ties. **$60 each, www.clubmonaco.com**

5 & 6. The National Geographic Store is a little-known treasure chest of dude gifts. On our can't-fail list this year: The windproof, water-resistant lighter that laughs in the face of 75 mph gusts and the night vision monoculars. You're welcome. **$50 (lighter) and $199 (monoculars), www.ngstore.com**

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November 22 – December 24: Christmas Village at LOVE Park, 1500 Arch Street. Traditional European foods and homemade gifts and ornaments. PhilaChristmas.com

November 22 – January 1: Comcast Center Holiday Spectacular, Comcast Center, 1701 JFK Boulevard. In the lobby of Center City's tallest building, enjoy a high-tech, 15-minute show illuminating the building's LED wall and set to music. Free shows run on the hour, every hour, except weekdays at 5PM.

November 23 – December 31: Macy's Christmas Light Show, 1300 Market Street. For an animated light show, head to Macy's Center City in the historic Wanamaker Building. This Philly tradition features more than 100,000 LED lights dancing to the rich sounds of the Wanamaker organ with narration by Julie Andrews. Free shows run on the hour after 10AM daily. VisitMacysPhiladelphia.com

November 23 – December 31: Reading Terminal Market Holiday Railroad, 12th & Arch Streets. Kids and adults alike will delight in this 500 sq.ft. model railroad display with almost a third of a mile of track! Closed Christmas Day. ReadingTerminalMarket.org

November 23: Santa Express, 9th & Market Streets. Join the Gallery at Market East and SEPTA on a festive holiday caravan featuring Santa and his merry band of characters. The fun-filled parade ends in the Gallery's Center Court with activities to kickoff the holiday season. For stations and departure times, visit GalleryatMarketEast.com

November 28: Rittenhouse Square Tree Lighting, 5:00PM, Rittenhouse Square, 18th & Walnut Streets. RittenhouseRow.org

December 1: Visit with Santa at the KidsInCenterCity.com Saturday Playdate at the Market & Shops at the Comcast Center, 1701 JFK Blvd., 11AM – 1PM. KidsInCenterCity.com

Saturdays, December 1, 8, 15: Rittenhouse Row Holiday Celebration Saturdays, 18th & Walnut Street. Celebrate with Santa at TD Bank, strolling choirs, holiday surprises and in store specials. RittenhouseRow.org

December 5: City Hall Tree Lighting, LOVE Park, 1500 Arch Street. Mayor Michael Nutter lights the city's tree. PhilaChristmas.com

December 8 – 30: George Balanchine's The Nutcracker presented by the Pennsylvania Ballet. A timeless holiday classic. PABallet.org

December 15: Winterfest at Sister Cities Park, 18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, 11AM - 2PM. Enjoy a visit with Santa, Karaoke sing-a-long with Frosty the Snowman, Cookie Decorating with Milk & Honey Café, a Holiday Treasure Hunt, seasonal arts & crafts and festive music provided by the Philadelphia Parks & Recreation Young Performers Theater Camp Choir. Don't forget to bring your own camera. SisterCitiesPark.org

December 31: New Year's Eve Fireworks. Two shows at 6PM and Midnight. Penn's Landing, Columbus Boulevard and the Delaware River. DelawareRiverEvents.com

January 1: 2013 Philadelphia's Mummers Parade and Fancy Brigade Finale. New Year's Day is about celebrating, and there's no better place to fête than South Broad Street. Parade kicks off at 10AM. VisitPhilly.com

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black friday guide

Songza

Your Black Friday playlist

Black Friday is here! And since hip-hop has always celebrated consumer culture, we can't think of a better playlist than the Go Shopping list at **www.metro.us/songza** and **www.songza.com/listen/go-shopping-songza**. These tunes are all about making millions and then splashing the cash on cars, clothes and high-end liquor. And you're basically going to do the same sort of spending at the malls. So feel good about it. It really is all about the Benjamins, and within this five-hour mix, you will hear Puffy, Lil' Kim, The LOX and The Notorious B.I.G. tell you just that!

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▶ Puffy and Lil' Kim know it's all about the Benjamins.

— Songza is a streaming platform that mines years of music history and today's music blogs for the best gems, so you don't have to. Each week Metro teams up with Songza to bring you fun new playlists as you enter into the weekend.

Here's the deal

▶ From limited door-busters to more casual weekend deals, what's on retailers' Black Friday menus ▶ Too tired from turkey? ▶ Many offers are available online

1 Where: Walmart
What: Walmart's Black Friday began insanely early, at 8 p.m. on Thanksgiving, with specials on toys, apparel and home goods. On Black Friday proper, shop for discounts on everything from furniture (the Better Homes and Gardens Deluxe Recliner for $199) to cell phones (get a $100 Walmart gift card with the purchase of select smartphones).

2 Where: Kohl's
What: Kohl's many specials include 50 percent off toys from Fisher-Price, Playskool, Little Tikes, Barbie, Disney Princess and Hot Wheels, among other lines.
Plus: You can shop more than 500 Black Friday specials at Kohls.com. Through Sunday, earn $15 Kohl's Cash for every $50 spent (in stores or online).

3 Where: J.C. Penney
What: For its only sale of the year, J.C. Penney — which recently slashed prices and did away with specials — is opening at 6 a.m. on Friday for a no-coupons-required sale.
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4 Where: Gap
What: Gap stores opened at midnight on Thanksgiving. Discounts of up to 60 percent off and deals including $19 sweaters extend throughout Black Friday.
Plus: Saturday also has door-buster deals until noon.

5 Where: Sports Authority
What: Most locations opened at midnight on Thanksgiving and will offer door-buster deals until 3 p.m. on Black Friday proper, including 35 percent off NCAA, MLB, NBA, NHL and MLS fan apparel and a $210 Parkside 12' trampoline with enclosure.

6 Where: Athleta
What: Athleta's "Take a Breather from Black Friday" in-store events will feature fitness classes, giveaways and personal shoppers to do the work for you.

7 Where: Sears
What: Sears opened at 8 p.m. on Thanksgiving and is staying open continuously until 10 p.m. on Friday. Door-busters include $500 NordicTrack treadmills and Craftsman 18-volt cordless drills for $30..

8 Where: A I X Armani Exchange
What: In stores and online, take $50 off every $150 purchase.

9 Where: Juicy Couture
What: Special offers include glittery iPhone cases for $15, totes for $60 and fur-trimmed velour hoodies at $50 (which usually retail for $128).

Priced pretty

Dyson vacuums

Through Monday, all of Dyson's products are 25 percent off at any retailer and at **www.dyson.com.**

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10 Where: Beautybar.com
What: Spend $50 on Friday and receive a gift set from Philosophy featuring three of the brand's new products. Enter code BBGWPBF at checkout.

11 Where: Banana Republic
What: On Black Friday, take 40 percent off your entire purchase all day long. At Banana Republic Factory stores, everything is 70 percent off through Sunday. METRO

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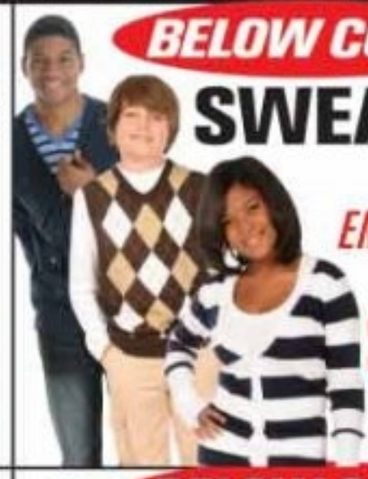

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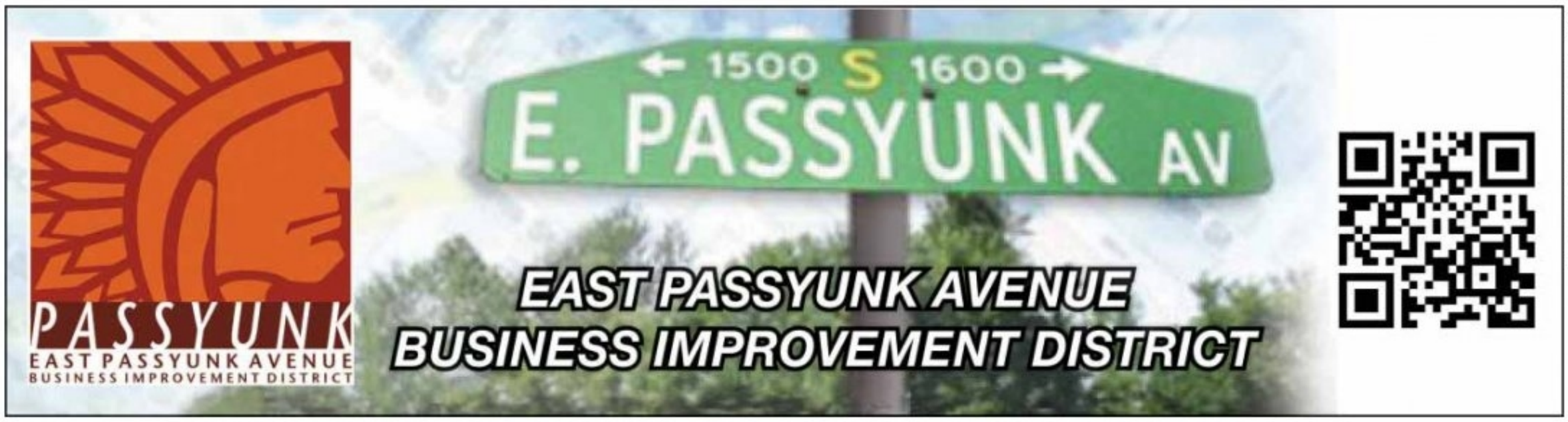

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▶ These booties were made for shopping: Bus Stop's boot sale is Friday.

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Black Friday mall openings

- **Where:** Cherry Hill Mall
  Opening at: midnight on Thanksgiving
- **Where:** Franklin Mills
  Opening at: midnight on Thanksgiving
- **Where:** Gallery at Market East
  Opening at: 8 a.m. on Friday; select stores opening at 5 a.m.
- **Where:** King of Prussia Mall
  Opening at: midnight on Thanksgiving
- **Where:** Philadelphia Premium Outlets
  Opening at: midnight on Thanksgiving
- **Where:** Plymouth Meeting Mall
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  Opening at: midnight on Thanksgiving

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Shop local this weekend

Sure, the malls have great deals ◐ But local Philly boutiques are where you'll find the truly unique gifts ◐ Plus, they're celebrating Black Friday, too!

Concrete Polish
716 N. Third St.
www.concretepolishjewels.com
Shopping for a lady with an edge? Concrete Polish is your go-to today. The store's collection of tough-meets-sweet jewelry will be 20 percent off for Black Friday. Thank you, in advance, from your girlfriend.

Curated Goods
421 Fairmount Ave.
www.shopcuratedgoods.com
Sadly, the designer bags will not be on sale, but that still leaves a ton of classy vintage goods to throw in your cart. Shop the sleek furniture and hand-picked items of this Fairmount gem online or in the store and get a 30 percent discount.

Kembrel
1822 Chestnut St.
www.kembrel.com
You can check off plenty of names on your list at this Rittenhouse shop. With clothing and accessories for men and women, you'll find styles that are both chic and sporty. Get in early (6-11 a.m.) and receive 40 percent off; you still save 30 percent if you come after 11 a.m. Refuse to shed the pajamas post-Turkey Day? Shop online and use the codes KEMBLK6 and KEMBLK11 for your discount.

Bus Stop

727 S. Fourth St.
www.busstopboutique.com
You can never have too many boots, which is why Fabric Row's Bus Stop boutique is giving you all day to stalk its "Black & Brown Boot Sale." From 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., all winter boots — for both ladies and gents — will be 20 percent off. Did we mention there will be cocktails, too?

Never Too Spoiled
108 N. Second St.
While you're cruising Old City on Friday, stop in the newest shop on Second Street. Never Too Spoiled is the place to go for all your girlie garb. Though there will be no sales, per se, they are giving away a free bar of vegan soap with every purchase of $100 or more.

Per Lei Boutique
2 E. State St., Media
www.perleiboutique.com
Per Lei is the kind of swanky Main Line boutique where you can blow an entire paycheck on an outfit, so we recommend taking advantage of this three-day sale. Stop by Black Friday between 5-9 a.m. and you'll get a 40 percent discount; then, it's 20 percent off if you shop Saturday or Sunday.

Philly AIDS Thrift
710 S. Fifth St.
www.phillyaidsthrift.com
The '80s dresses and endless shelves of tchotchkes are already on sale — this is, after all, a thrift store. But head to P.A.T. between 7-11 a.m. on this high holy shopping day and every gift you snag will be half-off.

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